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In re Applicant:

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§ Examiner: David J. Czekaj

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REPLY BRIEF

This replies to the Examiner's Answer.

The Examiner's Answer, on page 6, suggests that somehow Wee is decoding a set of macroblocks. Even if this is true, this is not what the claim requires. The claim requires decoding some, but not all, slices and some, but not all, macroblocks within the selected slices. There is no decoding some, but not all, macroblocks. The Examiner's conjecture to the contrary is directly rebutted by the language in the specification of Wee, which states "... but the macro-block level of information is not specially used in the preferred embodiment." See column 24, lines 36-38. Thus, the Examiner's deductions are clearly erroneous, unsupported, and without any basis whatsoever.

Moreover, the Examiner attempts to conclude that by only decoding the last four macroblocks of the last two lines, Wee is decoding a set of the blocks, but not all the blocks. This, too, is erroneous. As expressly explained further down in column 26, each frame's map

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would, in that event, contain a table expressly "listing slices containing only the last four macroblocks of the last two lines (of macro-blocks) as belonging to this region group." See column 24, lines 32-34. Plainly, this language, together with the language just quoted in column 24, makes it clear that decoding is not done at the partial macroblock level, but the macroblocks referred to are, in fact, full slices. Thus, all of the macroblocks of the slice are decoded, rather than some, but not others.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 4-6 and 33-35 should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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